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PARTISANSHIP IN THE ELECTION.

(Tribune.)

In every election the result is determined by the vote of a very small body of electors, men who are definitely attached neither by sentiment nor interest to no political party and who consider themselves free to exercise their judgment and discretion in recording their vote to the best advantage of themselves and the community. They form a fluctuating body in their ranks the most intelligent and most highly educated citizens; as their judgment is of the highest value, it is only fitting that they should by this means reserve for themselves the opportunity of finding in some measure the destinies of their nation by the timely recording of their votes on one side or other. Unhappily blind partisanship reigns supreme in Canada, and this useful and intelligent body of opinion which holds the critical balance in every country is too small and inefficient here. But it does exist and will develop. It is able to exercise a great influence on the election day, and it is, however, our hope and desire to see this spirit grow year by year at the expense of partisan bigotry till it gains a rooted hold in the minds of the majority of the electorate. In a country like Canada, where there are no vital political issues at stake, it is the duty of the electors to vote for the successive governments in a spirit of criticism and as keen criticism as the average shareholder feels at liberty to use towards the direction of his company. Let us review their administration and conduct of affairs and if they do not please, let us turn them out in favor of a new set of men. But also let us mentally reserve to ourselves the privilege and make a firm determination to expect from office this fresh set of administration as soon as their measures disclose us.

We know that it is useless and futile to appeal to the great body of partisan feeling and we have no desire to turn good Liberals into good Conservatives. But what we do aim at is to induce as large a body of electors as possible to look on politics

from the point of view set forth above. As a corollary to this we call upon them to vote against the Laurier government because of its recent misdeeds which far surpass in volume its various works of grace. No one wished to recall how bad the last Conservative government was, and the crimes of 1896 are no excuse for the scandals of 1908. The government is to be judged on its merits during its last term of office and on its constitution as it exists though we would not be totally averse to considering its possibilities of reform. We object to the tactics adopted by both parties of raking up the distant past and we have an equal horror of warlike veterans who come forward at election time to recapitulate their own past. The duty of the electors is to let the distant past sink into the dim mists of antiquity and examine from an intelligent standpoint and in a spirit of benevolent criticism the record of the Liberal government since 1904. The facts and various details of this administration have been set forth in these columns, and we venture to express the opinion that the balancing body of non-party opinion does not view them with approval; if the volume of this is only sufficiently large, the fate of the Laurier government is sealed.

Murder Suspects Arrested

Nelson, Sept. 28.—Harold Green and Jack Rice, two assisted Salvation Army immigrants, who had been working under surveillance for three weeks, were brought in here and lodged in the provincial jail by constable A-ton of Midway, who arrested them for the murder of Charles Thomet on August 25, at Midway.

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The Conservative Platform

As Enunciated at Halifax and Other Places by Mr. R. L. Borden, Leader of His Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the House of Commons.

1 Honest appropriation and expenditure of public moneys in the public interest.

2 Appointment of public officials upon consideration of capacity and personal character and not of party service alone.

3 More effective provisions to punish bribery and fraud at elections, to ensure through publicity as to expenditures by political organizations, to prevent the accumulation of campaign funds for corrupt purposes and to prohibit contributions thereto by corporations, contractors and promoters, to exclude hearing of election petitions and to prevent collusive challenges, the withdrawal of compromise therefrom, to provide for a thorough investigation to corrupt practices and if necessary to appoint an independent prosecuting officer to enforce the laws so amended.

4 A thorough and complete reformation of the laws relating to the civil service so that future appointments shall be made by an impartial commission acting upon the report of examiners after competitive examination.

5 Such reform in the selection of members of the Senate as will make that chamber more useful and representative body.

6 A more careful selection of the sources from which immigration shall be sought, a more rigid inspection of immigrants and the abolition of the bounty system except under very special circumstances and for the purpose of obtaining particularly desirable classes of immigrants.

7 The management and development of the public domain (in which are to be included great natural iron riches) for the public benefit and under such conditions that a respectable proportion of the increment of value arising therefrom shall come to the people.

8 The operation and management of our government railways by an independent board free from partisan control or interference.

9 Development and improvement of our national waterways, the equipment of national ports, the improvement of transportation facilities and subsequent reduction of freight rates, between the place of production and market, whether at home or abroad and the establishment of a thorough system of cold storage.

10 The re-organization of the present railway commission as a public utilities commission with wider power and more extended jurisdiction, so as to include thorough and effective control over all corporations owning or operating public utilities or invested with franchises of a national character.

11 The establishment after due investigation of a system of national telegraphs and telephones under conditions which shall be just to capital already invested in those enterprises.

12 The improvement of existing postal facilities, especially in newly developed portions of the country, and inauguration, after proper inquiry as to cost, of a system of free rural mail.

13 A fiscal policy which will promote the production within Canada of all useful articles that can be advantageously manufactured from or by means of natural resources, having due regard to the interests of the consumer as well as to the just claims of our wage-earning population.

14 The promotion by negotiation and other constitutional means of a system of mutual preferential trade within the Empire.

15 The restoration of the public lands to the Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan upon fair terms.

16 The unimpairment maintenance of all powers of self government which have been conferred upon the Provinces of Canada under the constitution.

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OPERA AT EDMONTON.

A crowded house greeted the initial performance of the San Francisco Opera Company at the Edmonton last night, and judging from the enthusiasm of the applause which they bestowed upon the players, the audience was more than satisfied.

Long before the curtain rang up every seat was filled and Manager Vulec was wearing the smile that won't come off.

The opera of "Fantasia" is full of bright, catchy music, witty sayings, and amusing situations, and is well recommended as a sure cure for the blues.

Miss Mabel Day is a charming soprano with a flexible voice, which she uses to great advantage. Her solo, "In My Rickschaw of Bamboo," was the hit of the evening, and secured for her rounds of well merited applause.

Teddy Webb as "Hawkins" was an admirable comedian, and his appearance on the stage was always a signal for much mirth. Among his more clever songs and sayings it would be hard to pick the best, but the illustrated song verse of his solo "A-Hu" was perhaps the most forthrightly popular. His makeup and accent are excellent, and he is already establishing a firm favorite with last night's throngers.

The chorus is well-trained, and is always sure of an encore. The girls are as pretty as pictures and they trip the light fantastic and flourish their "duty" rifles with as much energy as ever.

Daisy Vernon, as "Mlle. Anita," a vaudeville artist, was very smart. Her costume from her pretty hat to her dainty shoes being very chic.

The scenery and costumes all through are magnificent, and can be for much admiring comment.

Taking it all through "Fantasia," as produced by the San Francisco Opera Co. is a decided success and is perhaps the best production of its kind that has visited Edmonton for some years.

An interesting fact to note is that nearly all the company were playing

in San Francisco at the time of the now famous earthquake and passed through its horrors and subsequent privations.

Owing to a slight misunderstanding the orchestra omitted to play the National Anthem at the close of the performance last night, and some confusion ensued through a section of the audience keeping their seats. This will be rectified in future. Tonight "Fantasia" will again hold its boards.

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